

THE IRONMEN BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be:

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ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote fellowship among its members, to foster interest in the game of golf and to inform its members of the rules and etiquette of the game of golf as promoted by the United States Golf Association, USGA.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1. The membership of this club shall be open to all Villages men residents who are interested in participating in the game of golf.

Section 2. If, for any reason, a member is unable to play golf after being a full dues-paying member for one year, he is eligible to be voted Honorary Member with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. To become a member a person must establish an Ironmen Handicap, fill out a membership form, and pay fees and dues.

ARTICLE IV: Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of five elected officers: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. All members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings. Non-attendance will be reviewed by the remaining members of the Board.

Section 3. Committee Chairmen/Representatives listed in Article IX are requested to attend Board meetings, which are timely for the planning of their activities. Committee chairmen/Representatives are non-voting participants at these meetings.

ARTICLE V: Officers and Duties

Section 1. President

- a. Presides at all Board of Directors, General Membership, and Special Membership meetings.
- b. Will be the interface between The Ironmen and The Villages in all business and social activities.
- c. Approves The Ironmen schedule of planned events.

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- d. Appoints committee chairmen/representatives
- e. Authorizes expenditure of The Ironmen funds.
- f. Conducts the election of officers as outlined in Article VII.
- g. Provides the structure to recognize, debate, and act upon changes that will benefit The Ironmen.
- h. Shall appoint a committee of two to audit the Treasurer's books prior to the end of his term and the club year.

Section 2. First Vice-President

- a. Insures that play day activities are pleasantly, effectively, and accurately carried out.
- b. Assumes the duties of the President when the President is absent and/or unable to act.
- c. Co-signs checks when necessary.

Section 3. Second Vice-President

- a. Organize events and opportunities that will further The Ironmen's visibility within The Villages.
- b. Lead the efforts in recruiting new members, supplying new Ironmen information and recognizing member accomplishments.
- c. Follow up with member(s) who has a prolonged absence.
- d. Assumes the duties of the First Vice-President when the First Vice-President is absent and/or unable to act.

Section 4. Secretary

- a. Record and present for approval the minutes of all Board, General Membership, and Special Membership meetings.
- b. Maintain current copies of The Ironmen: membership list, By-Laws, Standing Rules, Practices and Procedures, schedule of planned events and e-mail/ mailing lists of members.
 - c. Shall conduct routine correspondence, and such correspondence as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Treasurer

- a. Responsible for collections and disbursements of all funds.
- b. Maintains a current status of The Ironmen's financial position.
- c. Shall give a report on the club's finances at all Board and General membership meetings.
- d. Present the books for audit as required.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Section 1. There shall be a minimum of two General meetings each year. Special meetings may be called by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors

Section 2. At any meeting, the presence of 30 percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four times each year on the dates designated by the President. Committee Chairmen/Representatives and members are welcome to attend Board of Directors meetings..

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Section 4. Three Board members shall constitute a quorum at any Board of Directors meeting

ARTICLE VII: Elections

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed in July by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to select names of members for the offices of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee shall inform the President of the slate of candidates at least three weeks in advance of the election. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the October meeting.

Section 2. Elections shall be held annually at the October meeting. Elected officers shall be elected for a one-year term, December 1 through November 30. Elected officers will normally serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by an appointment by the President subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The First Vice-President automatically succeeds the President in the event of a vacancy in the position. The Second Vice President will automatically succeed the First Vice President in the event of a vacancy. A special election would then be held to elect a new Second Vice-President. The President will determine if an appointment or special election should be held to fill the vacancy of Second Vice President, Secretary and or Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII: Dues and Fees

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be December 1 through November 30. Annual dues will be \$25.00 per regular member. Dues for members joining after June 1 will be \$12.50. Annual dues for board approved Honorary Members (non-playing) will be \$15.00

Section 2. The initiation fee shall be \$10.00 and is payable with application for membership.

Section 3. Annual dues are due November 1, and will be billed through the member's Villages home account.

Section 4. A former member applying for membership after an absence of a year or more will be required to re-qualify and to pay the initiation fee plus the current dues (the same as for a new member).

ARTICLE IX: Committee Chairmen/Representative

Section 1. Play Day Chairman shall:

- a. Determine the handicap of each member.
- b. Make weekly pairings and prepare scorecards.
- c. Prepare a list of players (by house numbers) for the Pro Shop.
- d. Determine sweeps winners and distributes awards according to the number of participants.
- e. Prepare a list of winners for the Pro Shop and advise the Publicity Chairman.
- f. Post the results on the Ironmen bulletin board.

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Section 2. Publicity Chairman shall:

- a. Write a weekly column for The Villager covering important club activities.
- b. Arrange publicity in advance of each tournament.
- c. Organize the participation in events conducted by the Villages.

Section 3. Tournament Chairman shall:

- a. Prepare the annual calendar of events for Club Tournaments.
- b. Verify tournament schedules, with the Pro Shop, as required.
- c. Determine format(s) for games.
- d. Arrange for a luncheon.
- e. See that no player shall compete in any tournament unless he is eligible to do so under existing rules.
- f. Arrange and post pairings and prepare tournament scorecards.
- g. Determine winners, post scores and inform the President and the Publicity Chairman.

Section 4. The Ironmen Representative shall:

- a. Represent The Ironmen at the Villages Golf Club Meetings.
- b. Report plans and decisions affecting the Par 3 golf course and/or play conditions to The Ironmen members.

ARTICLE X: Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended by the Board of Directors and then shall be submitted to the membership for a vote at any regular or special membership meeting. Such amendments shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. The By-Laws then shall be submitted to The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors for their approval. By-Law changes are only effective after The VGCC Board's approval.

ARTICLE XI: Interpretation

The By-Laws shall be interpreted by the Board of Directors subject to appeal at a membership meeting. Questions of procedure not covered by the By-Laws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XII: Standing Rules and Practices and Procedures

Section 1 -- Definition:

- a. The Standing Rules govern the day to day practices of the Ironmen. The Standing Rules are a separate document.
- b. The Practices and Procedures are the details of how for the practices and procedures. The Practices and Procedures is a separate document.

Section 2 -- Modifications and Additions:

- a. Standing Rules are developed and approved by the Board of Directors for presentation and vote by the membership at a General Membership or Special Membership meeting

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b. The Practices and Procedures are developed and approved by the Board of Directors for presentation and vote by the membership at a General Membership or Special Membership meeting.

Section 3 – Proposed Changes to Standing Rules and Practices and Procedures

Any Ironmen member may propose changes by submitting such request and suggestion to the President per Article V Section 1g of these by-laws for his action.

ARTICLE XIII: Miscellaneous Items

Section 1 -- The Club shall be responsible for the upkeep of their plaque and photo on the Sports Wall.